THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Government has held several rounds of discussions, at various levels, with the Government of Sri Lanka on these issues. Government have also made special efforts to bring to an end intercine fighting between Tamil groups. The Government of Sri Lanka has reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all communities in the North-Eastern Province and to expediting the implementation of the devolution package.

(c) With the deinduction of the IPKF the direct responsibility for the security and safety of Tamils in the North-Eastern Province will rest with the Sri Lanka Government. However, Government will continue to monitor the situation.

India's plea to other countries against agressive postures of Pakistan

275. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries whom Government have recently approached through their emissaries to explain Pakistan's recent aggressive postures; and

(b) what was the attitude of the Government of each of those countries individually?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) While our Special Envoys have so far visited the USA, USSR, Kuwait, Iraq, Alegeria and Egypt many more Governments have also been otherwise contacted at diplomatic levels in this regard. Broadly speaking, our point of view has been widely appreciated.

Construction of bridges and roads in Kerala

276. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

What is the number of the roads and bridges to be constructed in the State of Kerala with the allocation from the Central Road Fund for the 8th Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): Accruals to Central Road Fund (CRF) from a State are earmarked for development of roads and bridges in that State. The release of funds is regulated by the total cost of the schemes sanctioned funds already released and the budgetary allocation available for the purpose. In Kerala six schemes were sanctioned during 1988-89 and 1989-90 at an estimated cost of Rs. 528.76 crores. The major part of the execution of these schemes would take place in the Eighth Plan. The number of road and bridge projects to be taken up during Eighth Plan period would depend on the size of the projects proposed by the State Government, accruals to Central Road Fund for the State and availability of annual budgetary allocation for the Central Road Fund programme.

Crossing the line of actual control by Pakistani nationals

277. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which attempts were made by Pakistani nationals to cross the line of actual control and enter the Indian territory since January, 1990;

(b) what steps Government have taken to repulse such attempts;

(c) whether any protests have been lodged with Pakistan in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) February 11, 1990 in Uri sector of Jammu & Kashmir. Earlier, on

February 5, 1990 an intrusion had taken place in the R. S. Pura sector of Jammu & Kashmir across the international border.

(b) The intruders were repulsed.

(c) Government's deep concern and regret were conveyed to the Govt. of Pakistan;

(d) Government hope that such provocative, rash and dangerous actions would not be repeated.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 13TH MARCH, 1990

Detection of pollution in water tested under Ganga Action Plan

*1. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that analysis of water under Ganga Action Plan shows continued and increased pollution with fertilizers and pesticides;

(b) what is the number of samples tested for fertilizers and pesticides during the last two years and how many of these were above normal levels; and

(c) whether the analysis was conducted for all the pesticides in use in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) While pollution from fertilizers and pesticides in the Ganga water continues, an increasing trend has not come to notice.

(b) About 600 samples have been tested during the last two years for the presence of fertilizers and pesticides. In the case of fertilizers that were tested for, the levels are within permissible limits. In regard to pesticides, the analysis shows that the presence of pesticides that were tested for, were usually above acceptable levels.

(c) Only those pesticides were analysed which are commonly used, are persistent and of significant consequence to human and aquatic health.

Review of the technology missions

*2. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Technology Missions on Drinking Water, Immunisation, Literacy, Edible Oil and Rural Communication, launched by the previous Government have been reviewed;

(b) if so, what are the details of the achievements which have accrued to the Nation during the last five years and the benefits which are expected to accrue during the subsequent period; and

(c) whether Government are considering the winding up of the aforesaid Technology Missions.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The progress and performance of Technology Missions have been reviewed periodically at Central and State levels through various mechanisms.

(b) The results as reported by various implementing Ministries are briefly given below:

--Drinking Water 1,23,761 problem villages have been covered as on December 1989 out of the

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, the 13th March, 1990 was adjourned on account of passing away of Shri Darbara Singh, Member Rajya Sabha. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 14 March, 1990.